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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
WASHING DRAIN PIPE**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, a list of documents is disclosed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that may be material to the examination of this application.

No inferences should be drawn that the attached list represents a comprehensive investigation, or that any material disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. In addition, none of the documents that have publication dates prior to the priority date of the above application anticipate the invention in this application.

Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open No. S55-20380 and Japanese Utility Model Publication No. S49-37403, each disclose a high pressure hose which is accommodated in a revolving drum and the high pressure hose is made to turn by turning the revolving drum.

Japanese Patent Application laid-Open No. S54-110658 discloses a nozzle linked to a high pressure hose which advances inside the drain pipe while turning, due to the propulsion produced by the high pressure water jetted from the nozzles and the operations of pulling out and turning the high pressure hose from the revolving drum, and the inner peripheral surfaces of the pipe are

washed thereby.

The cited document(s) disclose numerous specific features. There has been no attempt to list each and every feature disclosed by each document. The Examiner is requested to review the document(s) and determine the extent of the materiality of the document disclosures with respect to the present invention.

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